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Professor A. Gray
Cambridge Mass.

Dear Sir

With this letter I send you the second box with plants
from No 227 - 345. A packet with messes for Mr.
Sullivan and some seeds. Also you find within some
specimens of *Agave americana* whencefrom they make
nearly in the whole Republic of Mexico a vegetable beer
named Pulque and some of a plant of the genus *Bromelia*
named here Pitca, and I think botanically *Euphorbia*, it grows
in the thickest woods on very stony places and was not
able until now to see nor the flower nor the fruit. It contains
spurts of the epidermis it gives a thread or a fibre 4-6 foot long
finer than linum and as strong as from cancanis; here they use
the thread of it to all kind of strings, & no makers, scolders &c.
use of the Germans commence to call like it. ~~I send a little gone~~
~~round the plants.~~

This is my next letter I write without having received
any answer, my first box I send in the month of October
of 1858 and have the answer of the merchant, that said
first box arrived in good order on the 5th of January
1859 in New York. I am very anxious to hear of
you, if the said first box arrived in Cambridge
or not and if in good order or not. freight I
paid from here to Tampico with £ 5. for this
second box with £ 2.50. Letters from here to Tampico

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must be paid with 25 cents, but further they do not
take payment. Paper is very high and not good
therefore I ask your goodness to give you notice
and gravitated in your post letter to send me
some papers. I had with my family a great want
of the time we are here very bad fevers on account
of the hot climate; therefore I think to go a little higher
up in a more cold and healthy part for my northern
expedition, but all things are very dear here on account
of the revolutions and the want of industry in the land. Therefore
I am very short in means and would ask your favor to
send me as soon as possible some money and papers, when
my plants arrived, when not, to give any how some answer

that I can wait for the box, if not arrived. I had a
great deal more plants collected and also seeds and I think
I have now more than three hundred species here, but having
no letter from you, I could not send them off, and a great deal
are spoiled by insects; this box I send for having a good opportunity
through a friend, who goes direct from Wartenberg to the U. S.

You might consider that to make collections here in this
tropical climate is very difficult at first, while it is very difficult
to find good specimens for insects and birds; the most of fruits are
eaten before ripe; and now from October - June it is nearly
impossible to go an step from the house, by the coming in
a single bush *Pithecellobium* or *ixaidea* threep on you, what a
person hardly can live for pain, not counting snakes
and ants. Some plants are eaten when drying in the
paper, so I had of some of the pieces (there are 5 species) more
than twenty species drying, but I could not save one
for ants. I think they must be sent in alcohol.

Collection of the different woods I would also like to make
when you can dispose of them, giving me the measure of specimen,
and how many of every species, and what could be sent.

Please send your answer as soon as possible

Yours H. M. Brue et Comp.

for J. C. Ewendberg Tampico

colonial Wartenberg

Hacienda Pastoria

Tampico. Republic Mexico

Expecting your friendly answer

I am

very truly

Yours,

J. C. Ewendberg



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